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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

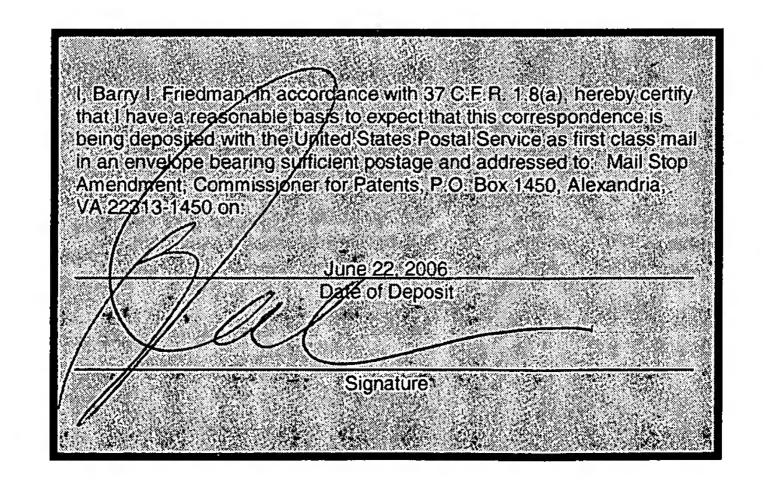
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June 22, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

With reference to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121) dated June 16, 2006, Applicants hereby submit the enclosed Revised Amendment which has been signed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.4. Applicants submit that the attached Revised Amendment fully



addresses the objection raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and therefore no further response is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 22, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments contained herein be entered in the instant application:

I, Barry I. Friedman, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a), hereby certify that I have a reasonable basis to expect that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope bearing sufficient postage and addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

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